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DEPT PASS TO DOT FOR RAMUNDO, TPI-42

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TGEN, UR, US
SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: RENEWAL (05.00)

REF: STATE 118720

1. THE EMBASSY IS ENTIRELY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE U. S.
DECISION TO RENEW THE TRANSPORTATION BILATERAL FOR A TWO-
YEAR PERIOD AND TO MAKE A SECOND TWO-YEAR EXTENSION CONTIN-
GENT ON THE EXTENT OF PROGRESS BETWEEN 1978 AND 1980 IN
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THIS BILATERAL.

2. THE EMBASSY ALSO IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHANGES TO
THE BASIC AGREEMENT TEXT, SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL, THAT U.S.
WILL PROPOSE. IN PARTICULAR, THE INSTITUTION OF A MID-
YEAR REVIEW WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SORT OUT,
AT THE CO-CHAIRMAN LEVEL, PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE. MID-
YEAR DISCUSSIONS WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
DEMONSTRATE DOT'S CONTINUING INSISTANCE ON SOVIET COMPLI-
ANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIVALENCE OF BENEFITS AND
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EQUAL ACCESS.

3. WE QUESTION THE WISDOM, HOWEVER, OF DELETING FROM
ARTICLE 2 ALL SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO AREAS OF COOPERATIVE
ACTIVITY, WHICH MIGHT ALLOW SOVIETS OPPORTUNITY TO CHANCEL
COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO US WHERE CO-
OPERATIVE WORK HAS BEEN PROCEEDING RELATIVELY WELL, SUCH AS

RAIL TRANSPORTATION, PERHAPS IN OSTENSIBLE RETALIATION FOR OUR DECISION TO HALT MARINE TRANSPORT COOPERATION. WE WOULD RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT ONLY SUBPARAGRAPH D OF ARTICLE 2 (MARINE TRANSPORT) BE DROPPED. DEPT AND DOT MIGHT ALSO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO ARTICLE 2 NEW FIELDS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE U.S., SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

4. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST ONE ADDITIONAL CHANGE TO THE AGREEMENT TEXT TO SPELL OUT CLEARLY THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE MUTUAL ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, INSTITUTIONS, INFORMATION, AND INDIVIDUALS. WE PROPOSE THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN ARTICLE 1: QUOTE. THE PARTIES WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY IN TRANSPORTATION FIELDS, TO INSTITUTES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN JOINT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY, AND TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DATA RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, BOTH PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON AN EQUAL, RECIPROCAL, AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BASIS. END QUOTE.

5. WE WILL RAISE THE FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS WITH U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RAMUNDO DURING HIS VISIT TO THE USSR BEGINNING MAY 14. THE EMBASSY WILL ALSO BE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT DURING RAMUNDO'S VISIT. TOON
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